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SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT

1. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: INTERNAL AFFAIRS DOMINATED PUBLIC OPINION AND ALL MEDIA DURING WEEK. KING'S VISITS TO MILITARY UNITS AND MAJOR SPEECH TO OFFICERS GIVEN TOP PLAY, THOUGH REPORTING IGNORED PRECEEDING ARMY DEMONSTRATIONS AT ZARQA AND ELSEWHERE AND WHAT KING SAID RELATING TO THEM. THIS GOJ IMPOSED SILENCE, OPPOSED BY INFOMINISTER, HAS LED TO SPECULATION AND MANY STORIES. IN PUBLIC VIEW, VISITS WIDELY SEEN AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS AND COMMENT HEARD FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT WHEN KING IN TROUBLE, HE ALWAYS GOES TO ARMY AND TRIBES. PRICES ALSO REMAIN MAJOR PUBLIC CONCERN AND GOJ EFFORTS STOP UPWARD SPIRAL GENERALLY CONSIDERED FEEBLE, BELATED AND INEFFECTUAL, THOUGH THERE IS ALSO RECOGNITION THAT AT LEAST SOME ATTEMPTS NOW BEING MADE.

2. WASHINGTON POST STORY THAT U.S. SUPPLYING TOW MISSILES TO JORDAN CARRIED ON FRTON PAGE FEB. 11. WE HAVE NOT HEARD UNOFFICIAL REACTIONS, BUT THIS MAY HELP
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DISPEL FALSE STORIES IN CIVILIAN SECTOR THAT JORDAN ARMY

UNHAPPY BECAUSE SYRIAN ARMY HAS MORE MODERN WEAPONRY
FROM USSR. END CONFIDENTIAL

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3. WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE WELL COVERED BY ALL
MEDIA, INCLUDING SEVERAL NONCOMMITTAL EDITORIALS, BUT
HAS ELICITED VIRTUALLY NO INTEREST AMONG OUR CONTACTS.

4. MORE THAN 70 STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR FIRST COURSE IN
AMERICAN HISTORY OFFERED BY JORDAN UNIVERSITY, WHEN
LIST ABRUPTLY CLOSED DUE LACK OF SPACE. HAD EXPECTED LESS
THAN 30. POST HAS PROVIDED EARLIER SET OF 20 BOOKS RECEIVED
FROM JIDDA AND H F PRESENTING ADDITIONAL 46 THIS SUBJECT TO
PROVIDE BASIC LIBRARY COLLECTION. WE ARE PLEASE CAIRO
MOVING AHEAD RAPIDLY ON TRANSLATION NEVINS AND COMMAGFN
"SHORT HISTORY OF U.S. " REQUEST BY US, WHICH WILL BE BASIC
TEXTBOOK.

5. BEGAN ANOTHER THREE WEEK TOUR OUTSIDE AMMAN
SHOWING FILMS IN 26 CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS AND UPPER
LEVEL SECONDARY SCHOOL CLASSES (UNDER EDMINISTRY
AUSPICES) AND DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS. FILM TITLES
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DISCOVERERS, TIME FOR PEACE AND OTHERS.
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